

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2649–S2742

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 765–785, and S. Res. 95–98. **Pages S2693–94**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Gold Medal: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 15, authorizing the Rotunda of the Capitol to be used on March 29, 2007, for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Tuskegee Airmen, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2662**

Honoring Former Senator Thomas F. Eagleton: Senate agreed to S. Res. 97, relative to the death of Thomas F. Eagleton, former United States Senator for the State of Missouri. **Pages S2741–42**

Joint Committee on Printing and Joint Committee on Library: Senate agreed to S. Res. 98, providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library. **Page S2742**

Improving America's Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 4, to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2653–90**

Rejected:

DeMint Amendment No. 314 (to Amendment No. 275), to strike the provision that revises the personnel management practices of the Transportation Security Administration. (By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 60), Senate tabled the amendment). **Pages S2657–58, S2659–61**

Feinstein Amendment No. 335 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the allocation of grants through the Department of Homeland Security. (By

56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 61), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2678–83, S2684–85**

Obama Amendment No. 338 (to Amendment No. 275), to require consideration of high-risk qualifying criteria in allocating funds under the State Homeland Security Grant Program. (By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 62), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2663–69, S2673–75, S2685**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 63), Leahy Amendment No. 333 (to Amendment No. 275), to increase the minimum allocation for States under the State Homeland Security Grant Program. **Pages S2653–56, S2685**

Withdrawn:

Menendez Amendment No. 352 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the security of cargo containers destined for the United States. **Pages S2657, S2661–62**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 275, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2653**

Sununu Amendment No. 291 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure that the emergency communications and interoperability communications grant program does not exclude Internet Protocol-based interoperable solutions. **Page S2653**

Salazar/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 290 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a quadrennial homeland security review. **Page S2653**

Lieberman Amendment No. 315 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners. **Page S2653**

McCaskill Amendment No. 316 (to Amendment No. 315), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners. **Page S2653**

Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 313 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a report to Congress on the hunt for Osama Bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and the leadership of al Qaeda. **Page S2653**

Landrieu Amendment No. 321 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include levees in the list of critical infrastructure sectors. **Page S2653**

Landrieu Amendment No. 296 (to Amendment No. 275), to permit the cancellation of certain loans

under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. **Page S2653**

Landrieu Amendment No. 295 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide adequate funding for local governments harmed by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005. **Page S2657**

Allard Amendment No. 272 (to Amendment No. 275), to prevent the fraudulent use of social security account numbers by allowing the sharing of social security data among agencies of the United States for identity theft prevention and immigration enforcement purposes. **Page S2653**

McConnell (for Sessions) Amendment No. 305 (to Amendment No. 275), to clarify the voluntary inherent authority of States to assist in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States and to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide information related to aliens found to have violated certain immigration laws to the National Crime Information Center. **Page S2653**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 310 (to Amendment No. 275), to strengthen the Federal Government's ability to detain dangerous criminal aliens, including murderers, rapists, and child molesters, until they can be removed from the United States. **Page S2653**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 311 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for immigration injunction reform. **Page S2653**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 312 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the recruitment of persons to participate in terrorism. **Page S2653**

McConnell (for Kyl) Modified Amendment No. 317 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the rewarding of suicide bombings and allow adequate punishments for terrorist murders, kidnappings, and sexual assaults. **Pages S2653, S2669–70**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 318 (to Amendment No. 275), to protect classified information. **Page S2653**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 319 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for relief from (a)(3)(B) immigration bars from the Hmong and other groups who do not pose a threat to the United States, to designate the Taliban as a terrorist organization for immigration purposes. **Page S2653**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 320 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the Classified Information Procedures Act. **Page S2653**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 300 (to Amendment No. 275), to clarify the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review. **Page S2653**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 309 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the prohibitions on money laundering. **Page S2653**

Thune Amendment No. 308 (to Amendment No. 275), to expand and improve the Proliferation Security Initiative while protecting the national security interests of the United States. **Page S2653**

Cardin Amendment No. 326 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for a study of modification of area of jurisdiction of Office of National Capital Region Coordination. **Page S2653**

Cardin Amendment No. 327 (to Amendment No. 275), to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region. **Page S2653**

Cardin Modified Amendment No. 328 (to Amendment No. 275), to require Amtrak contracts and leases involving the State of Maryland to be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia. **Page S2653**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 336 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the use of the peer review process in determining the allocation of funds among metropolitan areas applying for grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative. **Page S2653**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 337 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for the use of funds in any grant under the Homeland Security Grant Program for personnel costs. **Page S 2653**

Collins Amendment No. 342 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide certain employment rights and an employee engagement mechanism for passenger and property screeners. **Page S2653**

Coburn Amendment No. 325 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure the fiscal integrity of grants awarded by the Department of Homeland Security. **Page S2653**

Sessions Amendment No. 347 (to Amendment No. 275), to express the sense of the Congress regarding the funding of Senate approved construction of fencing and vehicle barriers along the southwest border of the United States. **Page S2653**

Coburn Amendment No. 345 (to Amendment No. 275), to authorize funding for the Emergency Communications and Interoperability Grants program, to require the Secretary to examine the possibility of allowing commercial entities to develop public safety communications networks. **Pages S2656, S2687–90**

Coburn Amendment No. 301 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit grant recipients under grant programs administered by the Department from expending funds until the Secretary has reported to Congress that risk assessments of all programs and activities have been performed and completed, improper payments have been estimated, and corrective action plans have been developed and reported as required under the Improper Payments Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note). **Pages S2656–57**

Coburn Amendment No. 294 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide that the provisions of the Act shall cease to have any force or effect on and after December 31, 2012, to ensure congressional review and oversight of the Act. **Pages S2658–59, S2675–77**

Lieberman (for Menendez) Amendment No. 354 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the security of cargo containers destined for the United States. **Pages S2662–63**

Specter Amendment No. 286 (to Amendment No. 275), to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States. **Page S2663**

Kyl Modified Amendment No. 357 (to Amendment No. 275), to amend the data-mining technology reporting requirement to avoid revealing existing patents, trade secrets, and confidential business processes, and to adopt a narrower definition of data-mining in order to exclude routine computer searches. **Pages S2670–73, S2686–87**

Ensign Amendment No. 363 (to Amendment No. 275), to establish a Law Enforcement Assistance Force in the Department of Homeland Security to facilitate the contributions of retired law enforcement officers during major disasters. **Pages S2683–84**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 7, 2007; provided that Senate then resume consideration of McCaskill Amendment No. 315 and Collins Amendment No. 342 (both listed above), and debate concurrently until 10 a.m., with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators McCaskill and Collins, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the vote; that at 10 a.m., Senate vote on, or in relation to, McCaskill Amendment No. 315, that upon disposition of that amendment, Senate then vote on, or in relation to Collins Amendment No. 342; that there be 2 minutes equally divided between the votes; and that following the second vote, Senate proceed as a body to the House of Representatives for the joint meeting to hear an address by the King of Jordan; that Senate then stand in recess subject to the call of the chair. **Page S2742**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq. **Pages S2741, S2742**

Messages from the House: **Pages S2691–92**

Messages Referred: **Page S2692**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S2649, S2692**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—63) **Pages S2661, S2684–85**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Thomas F. Eagleton, United States Senator from the State of Missouri, in accordance with S. Res. 97, adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 7, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2742.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHILD NUTRITION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine child nutrition and the school setting, focusing on nutrition standards, and breakfast commodities, after receiving testimony from Janey Thornton, Hardin County School District, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on behalf of the School Nutrition Association; Teresa Nece, Des Moines Public Schools, Des Moines, Iowa; Susan K. Neely, American Beverage Association, Washington, D.C.; Mary Lou Hennrich, Community Health Partnership, Portland, Oregon; and Kelly D. Brownell, Yale University Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity, New Haven, Connecticut.

WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the care, living conditions, and administration of outpatients at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and William Winkenwerder, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, both of the Department of Defense; and General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, and Lieutenant General Kevin C. Kiley, USA, Surgeon General, both of the United States Army.

CAFE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Program, which includes mile per gallon standards for light trucks and cars that manufacturers must